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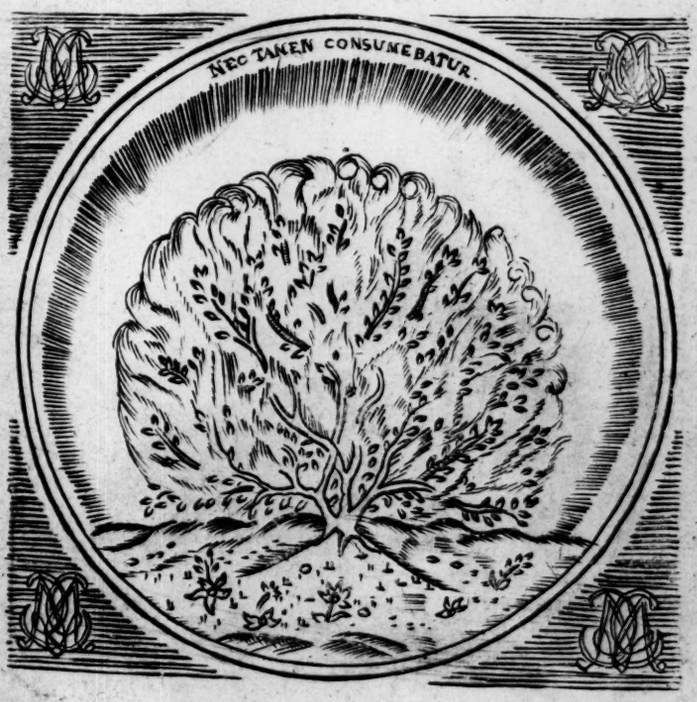

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Holden and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Wednesday* the *26th* Day of *April* 1710 Years, And ending the 11 Day of *May* that same Year.

I.

Act appointing the Queens Commission to the Earl of Glasgow *to be Recorded.*

At *Edinburgh*, the *26th April* 1710. Sess. 1.

THE General Assembly of this Church, being Constituted; There was produced to them by the Right Honourable *David* Earl of *Glasgow*, Her Majesties Commission, Sealed at *Edinburgh* the *25th* Day of *April* current, with the Seal, Ordained to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in place of the great Seal of *Scotland*, and of the same Tenor with former Commissions, Appointing him Her Majesties High Commissioner, and Representative in this Assembly, which Commission being publickly Read, with all due Honour and Respect: It is by order of this Assembly Recorded in their Books, *Ad futuram rei memoriam.*

II.

Her Majesties Gracious Letter TO THE *GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

Presented 26*th* of *April* 1710.

ANNE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. We have made choice of our Right Trusty and well beloved Cousin *David* Earl of *Glasgow* to represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly, having had many Proofs of his Fidelity to Us, and his Affection to the Church of *Scotland*, and other good Qualities for discharging that Trust, whom we have instructed in what we thought necessary for the present Exigence; and therefore you may give entire Trust to him. The Experience we have of the Calmness, Decency and orderly Proceedure in former Assemblies, very acceptable to Us, and suitable to the Prudence and Wisdom of so great and Reverend a Meeting, does not suffer us to doubt, that you will at this time go on in the same way, and that you will proceed still to plant vacant Churches with Learned, Diligent and Pious Ministers, to promote Religion and Holiness, suppress Vice, Prophanity and Impiety, and prevent the Growth of Popery and Atheism. We take this occasion to repeat to you, the Assurances of our Royal Protection, for maintaining you in the full possession of your Rights and Priviledges as by Law established; And so We bid You Heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at St. James's *the* 29 *Day of* March 1710, *and of Our Reign the Ninth Year.*

By Her Majesties Command,

QUEENSBERRY.

III.

The General Assemblys *Answer*,

TO THE

Queens most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, 28 of *April* 1710. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,

WE have so Dutiful a Sense of your Majesties great Goodness to Us, in continuing to countenance our Assemblys by your Royal Authority, in being graciously pleased to give us repeated Assurances of your Protection and Favour, and to maintain us in the full Possession of our Rights and Priviledges, in your tender Care to prevent any thing that may disturb our Peace and Harmony, and to disappoint the Designs of such as would either divide or make us uneasy, and in the many other great Advantages that we enjoy, under your wise and benign Administration, That we look upon our selves to be under the greatest Obligations chearfully to embrace every opportunity, of testifying our untainted Loyalty, and true Affection to your Majesties Person and Government. we can with confidence affirm, that we, and all the Ministers of this Church, whom we represent, will upon all occasions witness in our Stations a sincere and constant Zeal for your Majesties Honour, and the Stability of your Throne.

We do thankfully acknowledge, that it is a particular Instance of your Majesties Royal Favour to us, that you have been pleased to make Choice of the Earl of *Glasgow* to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, his steady Faithfulness to your Majesty, and the many Proofs we have had of the Wisdom and Kindness of his Management, upon several other occasions, when he was clothed with his present High Character, cannot but make him most acceptable to us, and oblige us to give him that entire Trust and respectful Regard, that your Majesty expects we should, and he justly merits.

It is with no small Joy, that we find, that the peaceable and calm Procedure of former Assemblys is so acceptable to your Majesty, which cannot but engage us to be concerned to go on in the same way, that your Majesty may have full Satisfaction in our Management.

The juſt Senſe, Madam, that we ought to have of the Infinit Goodneſs of our GOD, in beſtowing upon us the moſt valuable Bleſſing of Revealed Religion, of the Infinit Love of our Redeemer, who came into the World to be the Propitiation for our Sins, and to deſtroy the Works of the Devil, and of the Worth of the Immortal Souls of Men, doth oblige us to acknowledge with all Thankfulneſs to GOD, the Bleſſing we enjoy of being under the Government of ſo Religious a Soveraign, and heartily to fall in with what your Majeſty ſo piouſly Recommends to us, in uſing our utmoſt Endeavours in our Stations to promote Religion and Holineſs, ſuppreſs Vice, Prophanity and Impiety, prevent the Growth of *Popery*, and Atheiſm, and provide Vacant Churches with Learned, Diligent and Pious Miniſters.

And we crave leave upon this occaſion to aſſure your Majeſty, that we abhor all Principles that ſtain the Glory of the Reformed Chriſtian Religion, and all Opinions that have a Tendency to ſhake the Excellent and Solid Foundation, upon which your Majeſties juſt Title to the Supreme Government of your Dominions, and the Security of your Throne in a Proteſtant Succeſſion, againſt all Popiſh Pretenders, are happily eſtabliſhed.

May the GOD of Heaven Long Preſerve your Majeſty, for the Comfort & Safety of all your Good Subjects, for the Advantage of the Proteſtant Intereſt both at Home and Abroad, and for a publick Bleſſing in the World, May he continue the Peace of your Dominions, and always crown your Arms by Sea and Land, with ſuch Succeſs, as your Majeſty may be in a Capacity ſignally to contribute to the procuring a Solid and Safe Peace to *Europe*, and ſuch Relief to diſtreſſed Proteſtants in *France*, *Sileſia* and elſewhere, as may anſwer your Majeſties known Pious Inclinations, and our earneſt Prayers and Deſires, And May your Majeſty after a long, peaceable and happy Reign upon Earth, be poſſeſſed of a Crown of Glory, Righteouſneſs, and Life, in Heaven.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſties moſt Faithful, moſt Obedient and moſt Humble Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in Our Preſence, in Our Name, and at Our Appointment, By

Will. Mitchel Moderator.

IV.

Overtures anent Trying and Licenſing Probationers for the Holy Miniſtry.

At *Edinburgh*, 2 *May* 1710. Seſſ. 6.

BEcauſe of the great prejudice that may ariſe to this Church, from the Licenſing too many Probationers, and Perſons not duely qualified, for Preventing thereof it is overtured. *1mo.* That none be admitted to Tryals in order to be Licenſed, but ſuch as have attended the Profeſſion of Divinity for Six Years, or have cloſly followed the Study of Divinity and of the Languages, for that ſpace at leaſt, after they have paſt their Courſe of Philoſophy at the College, and made Proficiency therein, in caſe their Circumſtances did not allow them to attend the Profeſſion, tho' it were to be deſired that they ſhould attend the Profeſſion of Divinity, much of that time; But that this ſhall not be extended to Students having the *Iriſh* Language, Providing that before any Presbytery Liecnce ſuch Students, within the ſaid Six Years, they firſt conſult the General Aſſembly, or Commiſſion thereof in the matter. *2do.* That none be Licenſed in any Presbytery, except they have reſided therein for the ſpace of Six Years, or do produce to them ſufficient Teſtimonials from the *Presbyteries*, in whoſe Bounds they have for the moſt part reſided, bearing expreſly, that it is the deſire of theſe *Presbyteries*, that thoſe Students ſhould be entered upon Tryals, And that ſuch Students as come from Abroad ſhall produce ſatisfying Teſtimonials from the *Profeſſors* under whom they ſtudied, and the time of their being Abroad is to be accounted a part of the ſaid Six Years, but none of theſe Students ſhall be entered on Tryals for the ſpace of a whole Year after they come to *Scotland*. *3tio.* The above ſpace of Six Years being expired, and Teſtimonials produced in manner foreſaid, that the *Presbytery* which is to enter theſe Students on Tryals, ſhall write Letters to all the other *Presbyteries* within their Synod, acquainting them with their Deſign, and deſiring to know if they have any thing to object againſt the ſame; But the *Presbytery* who writes is not to wait for an Anſwer, longer than two Moneths after their Letters are diſpatched.

THE General Assembly having heard and considered the abovewritten Overtures, they do recommend the strict Observation of the same, untill the next Assembly, and do Transmit them to the several Presbyteries, and appoints Presbyteries to send in their Opinion thereof to the next Assembly; That if the plurality of Presbyteries do agree thereto, That Assembly may enact these Overtures to be perpetual standing Rules to this Church.

V

Act and Recommendation concerning Soldiers under Scandals.

At *Edinburgh* 3 of *May* 1710. Sess. 7.

THE General Assembly, finding that there are several References made to them, by inferiour Judicatories of this Church concerning Soldiers under Scandals, who refuse to submit to the Discipline of the Church, for removing the said Scandals: For remedy thereof, they did Resolve that this matter should be represented to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leven* Commander in Chief of Her Majesties Forces in *Scotland*, And did, and hereby do Appoint and Ordain Ministers, Kirk-Sessions and Presbyteries, to apply to the Magistrats of the Bounds, and also to the Commanding Officer on the place, from time to time, as need requires, and crave that both Officers and Soldiers may be obliged to submit to the Discipline of the Church, according to Law, and Her Majesties Gracious Proclamations against Profaneness, and if this shall be refused or delayed, the Assembly do Appoint that the matter be laid before the Commission of the General Assembly, that they may do further therein what the Law directs.

And the Earl of *Leven* being present in the Assembly, the Moderator at the Assemblies Desire, and in their Name did earnestly entreat his Lordship would assist and countenance the Church in this matter, and would give such Orders as his Lordship should find most effectual for bringing Officers and Soldiers, to give all due Submission and Obedience to the Censures of the Church: His Lordship was pleased to assure the *Assembly*, that as he was glad of any occasion to serve the Interests of this Church; so he would take care to give all necessary Directions in this matter.

VI *Act*

V I.

Act, for a Solemn F A S T.

At *Edinburgh*, the *6th* of *May* 1710. Session 10.

THE General Assembly taking to their serious consideration, the many Evidences of GODS Displeasure, and fearful Symptoms of approaching Judgements, the great and crying Sins of the Land: Atheism, Irreligion, Popery, many Errors, and dreadful Delusions, with Immoralities of all Kinds, are come to a great Hight, and that all these Sins are hainously aggravated, as being committed by a professing People, in a Reformed Land, against the clearest Light of the Glorious Gospel, and Innumerable Mercies, that GOD hath been pleased to Bless us with: And notwithstanding of the many excellent Laws made against these Evils, and the Royal Proclamations which our most Gracious Soveraign, out of a true Zeal for the Glory of GOD has emitted; And that our woful Security under all these Evils, plainly hold forth that many Spiritual Plagues are inflicted on us, by a Righteous and Jealous GOD: Therefore the General Assembly do judge it the duty of this Church, and of every person therein, to lay these Things to Heart, and be humbled for them; And do Appoint the Second Thursday of *July* next, to be set apart for Solemn Fasting and Humiliation, in all the Churches within this Land; And the General Assembly recommends to all the Ministers in this Church, to be Free and Faithful in holding forth to their people, the hainous Sins, both of the former and present Times, and in exhorting all Ranks of Persons to flee to CHRIST, for Peace and Pardon, and to unfeigned Repentance, Reformation and fervent *P*rayer to GOD, that in His Great Goodness, He would be pleased to power down, the Spirit of Grace and Supplication, upon persons of all Ranks, Bless His Ordinances with more Success, Remove all Distempers, Heal our Breaches, Defeat all Designs of our restles Adversaries, tending to the breaking of the publick Peace, by open Force, or secret Contrivances, *P*reserve and Bless the person of our Soveraign, and Direct Her Councils, and that the LORD of HOSTS would continue to favour her Forces by Sea and Land, with Success; So that this Long, Bloody and Expensive Warr, may issue in such a *P*eace, as shall be for the Glory of GOD, the Interest of the Reformed Religion, the Relief of distressed Protestants in *France* and elsewhere, the perpetual Peace

and Prosperity of these Lands, and for the Honour of our Soveraign the Queens Majesty, in this and all succeeding Generations; And that the LORD would Bless the Season, and Crown the Year with His Goodness: And the Assembly Ordains these *Presents* to be read by all the Ministers of this Church from their *Pulpits*, with grave and serious Exhortations, suitable to the Occasion; And that publick Intimation hereof be made, the LORDS Day immediatly preceeding the Day appointed for Observation of the said Fast.

VII.

Act for the due Observation of the Fast, now appointed by the General Assembly, and of Fasts and Thanksgivings which may be hereafter appointed.

At *Edinburgh*, the *6th* of *May* 1710. Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly considering that by the 6th Act of this Assembly, they have for the weighty Grounds and Causes therein specified, appointed a Solemn Fast to be observed through this whole Church, and that it much concerns the Honour of GOD, and Good of this Church, that the same be duely and religiously observed; Do therefore Recommend it to all the Ministers of this Church, that with due *Prudence* and Zeal, they do in their Preaching, Reprove and Warn of, and in *Prayer* Confess and Acknowledge the Epidemical crying Sins, both of former and present Times, highly aggravated by the Violation of our Solemn Covenants and Engagements, and many professed Resolutions to the contrary: And the General Assembly does beseech and obtest people of all Ranks to be sincere and serious in Humiliation and Supplication, and universal Reformation, as they would find Mercy of the LORD, and have deserved Wrath averted, and would obtain the Blessing of the LORD on themselves, and their *Posterity* after them: And because it is much for the Glory of GOD, and *Peace* and Well-fare of this Church, that Fasts and Thanksgivings, whether appointed by the Church, or the Supreme Magistrat, for just and necessary Causes, be duely observed: Therefore the General Assembly enjoynes all the Ministers and Members of this Church, Religiously to observe all such Fasts and Thanksgivings, least by their Contempt thereof, they provoke a Holy and Jealous GOD, and bring on this Church desolating and unavoidable Judgements; And the General Assembly appoints *Pres-*

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byteries and Synods to take particular notice of the due Observation of this Act; And Ordains these presents to be Intimated, together with the foresaid Act for the Fast, in all the Congregations of this Church.

VIII.

Act concerning Bills, or Petitions for Charity.

At *Edinburgh*, 6th of *May*, 1710. Session 10.

THE General Assemblies does Enact and Declare, that in all time coming, no Petitions for Charity, shall be transmitted to, nor regarded by the General Assembly, unless the Petitioners produce therewith, ample Testimonials as to their Life and Conversation, and Recommendations from the Synod or Presbytery of the Bounds where they reside, bearing such persons to be truely Objects of Charity.

IX.

Act for suppressing Bourignionism.

At *Edinburgh*, the 8th of *May*, 1710. Sess. 11.

THE General Assembly, finding by Instructions from several Presbyteries to their Commissioners, that the gross Heresies and Errors, going under the Name of Bourignionism are greatly prevailing, in the Bounds of several Synods, in this National Church; They, (as a Remedy against the same) do appoint all Ministers in whose Parishes the foresaid Errors do abound, to preach most particularly, and faithfully against the same; And that all Presbyteries in whose Bounds the foresaid Errors do prevail, do oblige all School-Masters, Teachers, Governours of Youth and Chaplains within their Province, to subscribe the Confession of Faith, as the Confession of their Faith, and if any of the foresaid persons refuse to do the same, that thereupon the Presbytery, declare the saids persons uncapable of such Offices, and apply to the Heretors and Heads of Families concerned, in order to their discharging the saids persons from the foresaid Offices, and in case of their Refusal to comply therewith, that the Presbytery do send up the Names of the foresaid persons refusing to subscribe the Confession of Faith, unto the Commission of the General Assembly, together with the Names of the Parishes and Families in which they reside, that so the said Commission may proceed against all such persons, as they shall see Cause: And all Presbyteries, in whose bounds

there are any Societies of Bourignioniſts, avowedly profeſſing theſe Principles, and diſperſing the Books containing the ſame, are hereby ordained to ſend in to the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, an exact and full Account of the particular leading perſons of the ſaid Societies, together with the Names and Errors of the Books they are diſperſing; And the ſaid Commiſſion is enjoined to take ſuch meaſures, as they ſhall judge moſt convenient for the effectual ſuppreſſing of the ſame; And they are hereby alſo inſtructed to apply to the Government, for hindering of Incorrect, Falſe and Spurious Tranſlations of the Bible to be ſpread abroad: And *Laſtly*, The Aſſembly Recommends to the Profeſſors of Divinity within this National Church, to make a full Collection of the Errors of *Antonia Bourignion*, and of ſuch other Errors, as do reflect upon the Nature, Perſon and Offices of Our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and to write a Confutation of the ſame.

X.

Act concerning Burſaries, and Students having Iriſh.

At *Edinburgh*, the 9th of *May* 1710. Seſſion 12.

THE General Aſſembly, taking to their Conſideration, that now through the Mercy and Goodneſs of GOD, moſt of the Low-Land Presbyteries are competently planted, and that the promoting of Knowledge, Religion and Civility in the High-Lands, is the common Concern of this National Church: Do therefore Enact and Appoint, that the one half of the whole Burſaries of all the Presbyteries within *Scotland*, the whole to be applyed for the Education of ſuch Youths, as have the *Iriſh* Language, in Philoſophy, and Divinity, at the Colleges of *Edinburgh*, *Glaſgow*, St. *Andrews* and *Aberdeen*, And that the ſame be payed to Collectors to be appointed by the Presbyteries of *Glaſgow*, *Edinburgh*, St. *Andrews*, and *Aberdeen*, (which Presbyteries are to be comptable to their Reſpective Synods concerned, for what money they receive, and for this end, that the Synods of *Glaſgow*, *Galloway* and *Drumfrice*, pay in their Burſaries to a Collector to be appointed by the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, and under their Inſpection accountable to their Synod; In like manner the Synods of *Merſe* and *Lothian* to the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*; The Synods of *Perth*, *Fife* and *Stirling* to the Presbytery of St. *Andrews*; And the Synods of *Angus*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Roſs* and *Orkney*, to the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, and the other half, to be diſpoſed of to Low-Land Burſars, as Presbyteries ſhall ſee cauſe, conform

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to the Acts of Assembly; And this to begin the first Day of *October* next to come, and to continue for four years or longer, as the General Assembly shall see cause: And it is hereby declared, that the respective Synods, to which the said Bursaries do belong, shall have the Choice and Presentation of the said *Irish* Bursars, and that no person shall have the benefit of either High-Land or Low-Land Bursaries, but such as bring a Testimonial, or Recommendation from their Synods respectively, bearing their having been examined by their Synod, and the Synods good Hopes of them as sober Youths, piously enclined, and well affected to the Government of Church and State, and that they are good Proficients in the *Latine*, and are such as they judge may in due time, prove able Ministers of the Gospel, or School-Masters; And if they be presented to *Irish* Bursaries, bearing that they have the *Irish* Language, and have obliged themselves to employ their Talents in these Services, in the Highlands, either in the Bounds of the Synods presenting and recommending them, or some other by their allowance: And the Assembly appoints the foresaid Testimonials to be recorded, together with the Bursars Names, and to be reported to each Assembly: And farder, the General Assembly hereby renews the Eight Act of the Assembly 1701, Entituled *Recommendation to Synods anent maintaining Bursars having the* Irish *Language*, and the Eleventh Act of the Assembly 1705, Entituled *Act anent Bursars*; And appoints the said Acts to be observed, until the General Assembly see cause to recal the same.

The General Assembly having had transmitted to them, from their Committee for Overtures, the Representations of the *Irish* Students in the College of *Edinburgh*, referred to the said Committee by the Assembly upon Monday the first instant, and having heard an Overture of the said Committee, bearing that they were informed, that some of the said Students do want Bursaries, and others of them who have Recommendations in their favours, have been greatly disappointed, and much discouraged in the prosecution of their Studies; And therefore, did overture, that the General Assembly should refer to, and impower their Commission to be appointed by them, to enquire how former Recommendations about Students have been observed, and to take care that the foresaid Students be provided of Bursaries, and have all due Encouragement to prosecute their Studies. The General Assembly having considered this Overture they do refer and impower according thereto, in all Points, the said Students being always qualified in the Terms of this Act and other Acts above narrated.

XI.

Repreſentation of the Society in Scotland, *for propogating Chriſtian Knowledge, with an Act and Recommendation thereupon.*

At *Edinburgh*, the 10th of *May* 1710. Seſſ. 13.

THE General Aſſembly, having heard and conſidered the Repreſentation of the Society in *Scotland*, for propogating Chriſtian Knowledge, bearing that the ſaid Society being eſtabliſhed by Her Majeſties Letters patent, according to the deſire of former General Aſſemblies, and Commiſſions and Committees thereof, and a Nomination of the Members of the ſaid Society made out of the Subſcribers then brought in; And having met in a General Meeting, made choiſe of a Preſident, Theſaurer, Secretary, and Committee in the Terms of the ſaid Letters patent; And conſidering the Truſt repoſed in them, and how much the Glory of GOD is concerned in the matter, as alſo that our Gracious Queen, and likeways the General Aſſembly, and other Judicatories of this Church, and many charitable and piouſly inclined perſons of all Ranks, have ſhewed their Zeal for promoting the great Deſign of the ſaid Society, and many have contributed liberally for that end.

And the Society being deſirous, faithfully, diligently, and impartially to diſcharge the ſaid Truſt, ſo as may moſt advance the ſaid Deſign, and be to the ſatisfacton of all Good Chriſtians; Eſpecially ſuch as are Contributers. Found it needful in the firſt place, to uſe all proper Means to procure Subſcriptions and Contributions, and to ſecure the ſame upon Intereſt,& in order to this, Letters have been ſince the beginning of *November* laſt, twice written to the ſeveral Presbyteries,& once to the Synods,anent the obſervation of what was recommended by the ſixth Act of the late General Aſſembly, and deſiring that the ſaid Contributions might have been brought in to the Societies Theſaurer; As alſo Letters have been written to the Juſtices of the Peace at their Quarter Seſſions, and to the Magiſtrates of Burghs through *Scotland*, entreating their Concurrance and Aſſiſtance in promoting this Good Work, in their ſeveral Stations. according to Her Majeſties pleaſure, expreſt in the ſaid Letters patent, Copies whereof, were tranſmitted with all the ſaid Letters: And though ſome Reverend Presbytries and Miniſters have ſhewed a commendable Concern in this matter, yet there is no account of any Diligence from others, which its like has fallen out through Forgetfulneſs, or ſome Miſtakes, and to remove the

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same, the Society agreed unto, & caused print & disperse a Scheme of their designed Management; And therefore craving in manner therein mentioned, the General Assembly in complyance with the desire of the said Society, and for encouraging that pious and worthy Design, of propogating the Knowledge of CHRIST: Did, and hereby do enjoyne the exact observation of the said sixth Act of the late Assembly, where the same is not yet done, and appoints the several Presbytries to see the same done, and to return to the Secretary of the Society a Report of their Diligence, in the Terms of the Letters sent to them, as soon as they can.

And that the Society may the better know how to employ the Interest of their Stock, when the same comes in. The General Assembly does hereby recommend to the several Synods concerned in the Highlands and Islands, to enquire what Parishes in these Bounds do want Schools, what *Parishes* do need more *Schools* than one, and how many they need, what is the Extent of these *Parishes* in length and breadth? As also what Ministers have moe Churches or places of publick Worship than one? And whither these Churches do stand in different Islands or not? And if there be a School for every Kirk or Island? Or any person in these places to teach Children to Read? Or any Catechists? As also in what place *Popery* abounds most? And where Catechists will be needful: And the Assembly appoints *Synods* to send an impartial and true Account of the above *Particulars*, to the *Secretary* of the said Society, subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk, as soon as they can, and at furthest betwixt and the first day of *April* 1711, that the same may be laid before the Society and their Committee, that they may have the whole matter before them, in order to the disposing of the Annualrents of their *Stock*, where it is most needful.

And that this Work may not be retarded, the General Assembly does seriously Exhort all Ministers & other charitable persons, whose Hearts GOD has enclined to favour this excellent Design, that they forthwith put their Contributions in the hands of the Thesaurer to the Society, that the same may be laid out upon Interest, seeing the *Society* cannot dispose upon any of their *Stock*, but only the Annualrents thereof;

And that there may be the greater Plenty of fit Instruments to be employed on the said Design, in the Terms of Her Majesties Letters patent. The General Assembly, have by the Tenth Act of this Assembly appointed, likeas they hereby do appoint, that the one half of the

whole Burſaries of all the Presbyteries in *Scotland* be beſtowed on hopeful and pious Students, having the *Iriſh* Language, for the ſpace of Four Years, conform to the Tenor of the foreſaid Act: And the General Aſſembly, does hereby Enjoyne and Require, the ſeveral Synods of this Church, to ſee all the foreſaid Appointments put in due Execution, and that they Report an account of their Diligence herein to the General Aſſembly from time to time. And Laſtly, The General Aſſembly do's hereby appoint and ordain, the Commiſſions to be named by this and ſubſequent Aſſemblies; And likewiſe the whole Synods and Presbyteries within this Church, to give all due Encouragement, Countenance and Aſſiſtance to the ſaid Society, or theſe employed by them, as they ſhall be orderly applyed to for that effect from time to time.

XII.

Act for preſerving the Purity of Doctrine.

At *Edinburgh*, the 10th of *May* 1710. Seſſ. 13.

THE General Aſſembly, conſidering that the Purity of Doctrine is a ſignal Bleſſing to the Church of GOD, and that it hath been the great Happineſs of this Church ever ſince her Reformation from Popery, to have enjoyed and maintained the ſame; And that the avoiding all Expreſſions in matters of Faith, contrary to the Form of ſound Words, tends not a little to preſerve the ſaid Purity, which is ſo deſirable; And it being informed that in ſome places ſome Expreſſions are uſed, and Opinions as to ſome Points of Religion vented, which are not agreeable to our Confeſſion of Faith and Catechiſms, and the known Sentiments of the greateſt Lights, and moſt famous Goſpel Miniſters, wherewith this Church has been bleſſed; Therefore the General Aſſembly does diſcharge all perſons, to vent any Opinions contrary to any Head or Article of the ſaid Confeſſion and Catechiſms, or uſe any Expreſſions in relation to the Articles of Faith, not agreeable to the Form of ſound Words, expreſſed in the Word of GOD, and the Confeſſion of Faith and Catechiſms of this Church, which are moſt valuable Pieces of her Reformation; And the General Aſſembly does hereby farder Enact, that no Miniſter or Member of this Church, preſume to print or diſperſe in Writ any Catechiſm, without the Allowance of the Presbytery of the Bounds, and of the Commiſſion; And the Pref-

Presbytery, is hereby appointed to lay any such Catechism before the Commission: And the General Assembly does enjoin and require Synods and Presbytries, carefully to advert to the Observation of this Act, and that they notice the Transgressors thereof.

XIII.

Overtures, for Regulating the Calling of Ministers.

At *Edinburgh*, the 10th of *May* 1710. Sess. 13.

CONsidering, that the Debates and Contentions among those who claim Votes in calling Ministers, are ordinarly occasioned upon the Account of their different Inclinations as to the person to be called. To prevent all such Debates its overtured, that the Assembly recommend to the several *Presbyteries*, when any *Parish* is vacant, to take care to adjust all Differences as to *Persons* Rights to Vote in a Call to that *Parish*, and to make up a List of the Voters; And that all this shall be done, before the *Presbytery* order the moderating a Call. *2do.* Considering the great Inconveniencies of admitting *Proxies* to compear before Church Judicatories, and that it is contrary to the ancient and laudable *Practice* of this Church, particularly in calling Ministers, and that any person having a Vote may signify his Mind by a Writ to the Respective Judicatories which should be held as valide as if he were personally present to vote; Therefore it is overtured, that the Assembly recommend to all Judicatories of this Church, not to admit *Proxies* to vote and plead before them.

The General Assembly having heard and considered the foresaid Overtures, they do transmit the same to the several Presbyteries of this Church, and appoints them to send in their Opinion thereabout to the next General Assembly, that the said Assembly may turn the same into an Act, and standing Rule of this Church, if the Majority of *Presbyteries* agree thereto.

XIV.

Commission by the General Assembly, to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing several Affairs referred to them.

At *Edinburgh*, 11th day of *May* 1710. Sess. 14 & Ult.

THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, that there are several weighty Affairs, which they cannot overtake; Do therefore Nominat and Appoint their Reverend Brethren, Masters, *Thomas Vernour*

at Balmaclellan, *Hugh Campbel* at Muirkirk, *Patrick Simſon* at Renfrew, *Duncan Campbel* at Knapdale, *William Mitchel* at Dundee, *John Law* at Edinburgh, *George Hamilton* there, *Thomas Wilkie* at Canongate, *George Barclay* at Strathbrock, *Alexander Telpher* at Rerick, *James Monteith* at Borgue, *John Reid* at Kersfern, *Robert Rowan* at Penninghame, *William Campbel* at Kirkinder, *Walter Laurie* at Stranrauer, *Robert Ferguſon* at Calmunel, *Andrew Rodger* at Galſton, *Robert Cuming* at Riccarton, *John Steil* at Old Comnock, *Andrew Fullerton* at Air, *Patrick Warner* at Irving, *John Glaſgow* at Kilbirnie, *William Wright* at Kilmarnock, *William Fleming* at Innerkip, *William Fleming* at Houſton, *Robert Johnſton* at Kilbarchan, *Robert Wyllie* at Hamilton, *John Hamilton* at Strevan, *Matthew Connell* at Blantyre, *Thomas Linnen* at Leſmahago, *John Scot* at Carluke, *Robert Gray* at Woolſtoun, *John Stirling* Principal of the College of Glaſgow, *James Brown* at Glaſgow, *James Clark* there, *Andrew Tait* at Carmunock, *George Park* at Killearn, *John Anderſon* at Dumbarton, *Daniel Gilchriſt* at Luſs, *Daniel McLauren* at Kilfynnan, *Robert Glen* at Kingarth, *Daniel Campbel* at Glaſſarie, *Alexander Campbel* at Inverary, *James Boes* at Campbelton, *Dougal Bannatyne* at Kilmorie, *Daniel Campbel* at Kilmore, *William Brodie* at Fort William, *Murdo McLeod* at Glenelg, *John Gow* at Cargill, *Alexander Glaſs* at Kinclevan, *George Frier* at Lethendie, *Samuel Nairn* at Erroll, *John Tullideph* at Dumbarnie, *Thomas Black* at Perth, *George Blair* there, *Thomas Buchannan* at Tulliallan, *Hugh Walker* at Lecrop, *John Wylie* at Clackmanan, *Alexander Hamilton* at Airth, *Henry Robin* at Alva, *Andrew Burgh* at Matherty, *William Haly* at Muthill, *John Steidman* at Auchterarder, *Archibald Campbel* at Dalgatie, *Allan Logan* at Torriburn, *George Mair* at Culroſs, *Thomas Ruſſel* at Kennochie, *John Cleghorn* at Bruntiſland, *Ebenezer Erskine* at Portmoak, *William Thomſon* at Fliſk, *William Greenlees* at Cowpar, *George Gilleſpie* at Strathmiglo, *Andrew Melvil* at Monymail, *James Haddow* Principal of the New College of St. Andrews, *John Anderſon* at St. Andrews, *William Moncrief* at Largo, *Robert Cleiland* at Kilrenie, *Joſeph Drew* Principal of the Leonardine College of St. Andrews, *George Clephan* at Newtyld, *James Ramſay* at Bendochie, *Samuel Johnſton* at Dundee, *James Marr* at Muirhouſe, *James Goodſir* at Strickmartine, *Alexander Archibald* at Barrie, *James Ker* at Dun, *John Glasfoord* at Strickathrow, *James Trail* at Montroſe, *David Ramſay* at Fettercairn, *David Archer* at Laurence Kirk, *Thomas Kinnier* at Echt, *Martin Shanks* at Banchory, *James Osburn* Profeſſor of Divinity at Aberdeen, *Thomas Blackwell* at Aberdeen, *Alexander*

der Mitchell at Belhelvie, *William Johnston* at Auchindore, *George More* at Towie, *William Johnston* at Kintore, *James Gordon* at Bourtie, *James Brown* at Aberdour *John Webster* at Newdeer, *William Forbes* at Leslie, *Henry Licklie* at Old Meldrum, *William Hunter* at Bamff, *Alexander Ross* at Auchterless, *John Gilchrist* at Keith, *Hugh Innes* at Mortlith, *Alexander King* at Elgen, *James Thomson* there, *James Chapman* at Cromdale, *David Dalrymple* at Dundurcas, *Charles Primrose* at Forress, *James Gordon* at Kinloss, *William Stuart* at Inverness, *Robert Baillie* there, *George Gordon* at Cromertie, *Hugh Campbel* at Kiltern, *Hugh Duff* at Fern, *Archibald Bowie* at Dornoch, *Andrew Monro* at Creich, *William Innes* at Thurso, *John Monro* at Rae, *Thomas Baikie* at Kirkwall, *John Cobb* at Deirness, *Alexander Nisbet* at Shappinshay, *James Grierson* at Tingwall, *William Carstares* Principal of the College of Edinburgh, *David Blair* at Edinburgh, *William Wisheart* there, *John Flint* there, *William Mitchell* there, *William Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, *Thomas Miller* at Kirkliston, *John Brand* at Burroustounness, *John Steidman* at Dalmeny, *Robert Livingston* at Biggar, *James Steuart* at Libertoun, *William Russel* at Stobo, *Alexander Walker* at Kirkurd, *James Robertson* at Etilston, *Patrick Cuming* at Ormiston, *Matthew Selkirk* at Creichton, *David Walker* at Temple, *John Currie* at Haddingtonn, *Mathew Reid* at Northberwick, *Robert Horsburgh* at Salt Preston, *George Turnbull* at Tynningham, *Robert Stark* at Stenton, *John Dysart* at Coldinghame, *Alexander Lauder* at Mordington, *Robert Park* at Foulden, *Laurence Johnston* at Dunse, *John Campbel* at Cranshaws, *James Douglass* at Stow, *Walter Scott* at Westruther, *James Ramsay* at Kelso, *Walter Douglass* at Lintoun, *James Noble* at Eccfoord, *Alexander Coulden* at Oxnam, *Robert Cuninghame* at Wiltoun, *William Hunter* at Lilisliſe, *William McGhie* at Selkirk, *James Armstrong* at Cannobie, *David Grahame* at Longholm *George Mulligen* at Moffat, *Patrick Home* at Kirkmichael *George Young* at Hutroun, *John Somervel* at Carlaverock, *John Henderson* at Kirkmaho, *Robert Blair* at Holywood, *Thomas Tod* at Derisdeer, *Simon Riddel* at Tinrom Ministers. *John* Duke of Athole, *William* Marquiss of Lothian, *John* Earl of Rotheſs, *David* Earl of Buchan. *William* Earl of Kilmarnock, *John* Earl of Ruglen, *Patrick* Earl of Marchmount, *James* Earl of Seafield, *John* Earl of Hyndfoord, *David* Earl of Glasgow, *Charles* Lord Yester, *James* Lord Carmichael, *William* Lord Forbes, *William* Lord Ross, *Robert* Lord Burleigh, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of Northberwick Lord Prefident of the Seſſion, *Adam Cockburn* of Ormistoun Lord Juſtice Clerk, Sir *William Anſtruther* of that Ilk, Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of Min-

to, Sir *Alexander Ogilvie* of Forglen, Mr. *John Murray* of Bowhill, Seven of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Sir *David Dalrymple* of Hales Her Majeſties Advocat, Mr. *John Campbel* of Mamore, Mr. *Francis Montgomery* of Giffan, Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, Sir *James Steuart* Late Lord Advocat, Sir *James Steuart* Junior Her Majeſties Solicitor, Lieutenant Colonel *William Maxwell* of Cardincſs, *David McCulloch* of Ardual, *John Martine* of Littlearies, Mr. *James Boſwal* of Auchinleck, *John Cunninghame* of Enterkine, *John* Alexander of Blackhouſe, Sir *William Cunningham* of Cunninghamhead, Sir *Robert Pollock* of that Ilk, Sir *David Steuart* of Cultneſs, *Hugh Montgomrie* of Busbie, *John Aird* Provoſt of Glaſgow, Sir *James Smollet* of Bonhill, *John Cunningham* of Ballindalloch' Sir *James Campbel* of Arkindlaſs, Sir *James Campbel* of Auchinbreck, *John Campbel* of Knockreoch, *Lauchlan McIntoſh*, *Laurence Craigie* of Kilgraſton, *William Auſtine* Baillie in Perth. *John Crocket* Baillie of Kincardine, Sir *Henry Rollo* of Woodſyde, Colonel *John Erskine* Governour of Stirling Caſtle, Mr. *Alexander Abercrombie* of Tillibodie, Sir *James Campbel* of Aberuchle, Mr. *Robert Whyte* of Bennarhie, *Thomas Miller* Writter in Alyth, *John Scrimzeor* of Kirkton, *John Gray* Merchant in Brichen, *Arthur Forbes* of Echt, *John Allardes* Provoſt of Aberdeen, *John Gordon* late Provoſt there, Mr. *Arthur Forbes* of Breda, *John Forbes* of Boyndlie, *Robert Martine* of Bruntbrae, *William Duff* of Dipple, *Lodovick Grant* of that Ilk, *James Brody* of Whythill *Hugh Roſs* of Kilravock, Sir *Robert Monro* of Foulis, Sir *William Gordon*, of Dalfolly, Mr. *Robert Honnyman* of Gremſay, Sir *William Craigie* of Gairſey, Sir *Patrick Johnſton* Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, *Adam Brown* Baillie there, Sir *Hugh Cunningham* of Craigend, *Walter Steuart* of Pardivan, *William Baillie* of Lamington, Mr. *Alexander Menzies* of Coulterallas, *Robert Tweedie* of Kingldoors, Sir *John Clark* of Pennycook, Mr. *James Hamilton* of Pentcaitland, Sir *James Hall* of Dunglaſs, Sir *John Swinton* of that Ilk, Sir *John Steuart* of Allanbank, Mr. *James Colvil* of Primroſehill Advocat, *George Baillie* of Jerviſwood, Sir *John Pringle* of Stitchell, *James Pringle* of Buckholm, *James Grahame* of Shaw, *John Corsbie* Provoſt of Drumfries, Sir *Thomas Kirkpatrick* of Cloſeburn, Sir *Walter Pringle* Advocat, Mr. *William Brodie* Advocat, Mr. *James Gellie* Advocat. Mr. *Walter Steuart* Advocat, Mr. *Thomas Rigg* of Morton Advocat, *John Duncan* Merchant Late Baillie of Edinburgh, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* Chirurgeon Deacon Conveener of Edinburgh, Ruling Elders; To be Commiſſioners of this Aſſembly, to the effect after mentioned; With full Power to the

the saids Persons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Twenty One of the said Commissioners, whereof Fifteen are always to be Ministers, to meet and conveen within the Assembly House here at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; And afterward the first Wednesdays of *August* & *January* next, and oftner when & where they shall think needful & convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And sicklike, the General Assembly fully impowers & Authorises their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* above mentioned, to Cognosce and Finally Determine as they shall see cause, in every matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, except it be otherways restricted, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions to be given them by this Assembly, And to advert into the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice, which they can prevent, as they will be answerable; providing this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs or Processes before Presbyteries or Synods, that may not be of universal Concern to, or Influence upon this whole Church; And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly Prohibited and Discharged to medle in any other Matters, than what are committed or referred to them, as above mentioned; And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the same: Declaring, that in and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see cause; And this Commission is to continue and endure till the next General Assembly, And Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom, ordered to be noticed according to the Seventeenth Act of the General Assembly, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Six: And for the better securing of a *Quorum* and Attendance of Members on the Commission; The General Assembly *Prohibits* the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* and other Presbyteries within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days, or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of the Commission, and such of the Members of these Presbyteries, as are of the Commission, are required all of them to give punctual Attendance on the Diets thereof, and Presbyteries at a greater distance, who have four or moe Members on the Commission, are to take care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the Commission.

XV.

Instructions by the General Assembly, to their Commission.

At *Edinburgh*, *11th May* 1710. Sess. 14. & Ult.

THAT the Commission, as often as they shall see cause, apply to Her Majesty or any Inferior Magistrat for their countenanceing of, and concurring with the Judicatories of the Church, in what the Law allows, and for puting in Execution the Laws against Popery and Profaneness, and seeking Redress of Greivances and Abuses, and Diforders committed contrary to the Established Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Presbyterian Government of this Church, the Contempt of the Censures of the Judicatories thereof, inflicted on Scandalous Persons; And that they assist Presbyteries and Synods in Planting Vacancies, as they shall be applyed to by them.

2. The Commission are Impowered to send Commissioners to *London*, to obtain Redress with Relation to Popery, Irregularities and other Things, that are greivous to this Church.

3. That when any of the Ministers, who served under the Late Prelacy, whose Lives and Doctrine may render them useful to this Church, shall apply for Reception into, a Share of the Government thereof: The General Assembly do hereby Impower, and Recommend to their Commission, to receive them, according to the Thirteeneh Paragraph of the Sixteenth Act of the General Assembly *Anno* 1697, and that the foresaid Commission be careful to get due Information from the Presbyteries, where these persons applying did, or do officiat, and for the Time Reside.

4. That the said Commission, use there outmost Diligence for geting payment of the Money gifted by the Queens Majesty, for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, and in disposing thereof, they are to take care, that the publick Debts of the Church be first payed, according to an Act past in the last Assembly thereanent, and to the Instructions given to the Commission of the General Assembly *Anno* 1706, which are hereby renewed; And that the Encouragement granted by the General Assembly *Anno* 1699, to Ministers and Probationers, who go *North* or to the *Highlands* and *Islands* to Preach, be rendered effectual; And likeways that the said Commission cause defray the extraordinary Charges and Expences, that Presbyteries and Ministers have been

been at, particularly in these places, in carrying on the Planting of Churches, and other publick Affairs of the Church there.

5. And the foresaid Commission is hereby Impowered to Cognosce, and finally Determine, in all References already made, or to be made to them by this Assembly, and in References and Appeals for Transporting Ministers, to the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, which shall be brought before them, according to the Overtures made thereanent, *Anno* 1699; And that Transportations to any *P*arishes in these Places, whether priviledged by former Acts of Assembly, or not, be carried on, and that in the most expedite Way; *P*roviding that the Commission do not medle with Sentences of *S*ynods, excepting Causes particularly referred to them.

6. That the said Commission appoint Fasts and Thanksgivings, as they shall see occasion, and specify the Causes thereof, and apply to Her Majesty, for the Civil Sanction thereto.

7. The said Commission is Impowered to give, all due Assistance to any *P*roposals that may be made to them, about Endeavours for Reformation of Manners, for the effectual Curbing and Suppressing of Profaneness and Vice.

8. The Commission is Impowered to give, all due Assistance to any Synod or Presbytery, in difficult Cases, as they shall be applyed unto by them, for that Effect.

9. The Commission is appointed, to take special care to keep and maintain Unity in the Church, upon all Emergents, especially among the Ministers thereof; And to gain such as do Separat therefrom, and to Suppress Error and Schism in this Church, and *P*rosecute the Authors and Spreaders of Books and *P*amphlets, tending thereto: As is by another Act recommended to Presbyteries, and to take notice, how any who have been Censured by preceeding Assemblies or Commissions thereof, have carryed, and to proceed to further Censure, as the said Commission shall see cause: And further, the General Assembly does hereby Renew the first Paragraph of the 18 Act of the General Assembly 1706, concerning *S*chism and Disorders, and Appoints the same to stand, as an Instruction to this Commission, and that they take notice of what Misrepresentations may be made, either at Home or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worship or Constitution of this Church; And that they take all Decent and Proper Methods for the Vindication thereof.

10. That the Commission endeavour to make effectual, whatever hath been by this, or preceeding Assemblies agreed upon, concerning the Erecting Schools in the *North*,

the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and what elſe may tend to the Advancement of Religion, and Reformation in theſe Places: As alſo, to give all due Aſſiſtance and Encouragement, to any Propoſals that may be made, for propogating the Knowledge of GOD, and Our LORD JESUS CHRIST in theſe, and Foraign Parts of the World.

11. It is referred to the ſaid Commiſſion, to uſe their Endeavours for putting in Execution the Fifth Act of the Aſſembly 1707, Entituled *Act anent a School in every Paroch, and a Contribution thereanent*; As alſo the Eight Act of that ſame Aſſembly, Entituled *Act for ſuppreſſing of Popery, and preventing the Grouth thereof:* And likewiſe the Fifteenth Act of that ſame Aſſembly, Entituled *Act againſt Innovations in the Worſhip of GOD.*

12. That the Commiſſion have a ſpecial Reſpect, ſo far as the preſent Circumſtances require, to the 9th Act of the General Aſſembly 1703, concerning the Planting of Vacant Churches in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and ſupplying thereof with Miniſters and Probationers; And the Commiſſion is hereby Impowered, to proceed according to the ſaid Act, in ſo far as they ſhall find it needful.

13. That the ſaid Commiſſion, receive and conſider any Repreſentations, or References that ſhall be made to them by Presbyteries and others concerned, about large and ſpacious Pariſhes, and uſe all Means proper for them, for obtaining and rendering effectual, and preſerving new Erections, in ſuch Pariſhes or Stipends, to collegiat Miniſters thereto.

14. Seing there is not a full Report made to this Aſſembly, concerning the *Iriſh* Libraries, *Iriſh* Bibles, Pſalm Books and Catechiſms, and about the State of the Church, in the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and the remaining Idolatrous, Pagan & Popiſh Superſtitious Cuſtoms, in ſome places there: The General Aſſembly recommends to their Commiſſion, to proſecute the Inſtructions given thereanent, by the General Aſſembly *Anno* 1706 to their Commiſſion, and to uſe all Means in their power, for extirpating theſe Idolatrous & Superſtitious Practices, and to take care, that the Charges of any who have been imployed about the ſame, be reimburſed out of the Money given by Her Majeſty, for theſe Ends. And the Commiſſion is Impowered to diſpoſe upon any Libraries, that may come from *England*, and alſo the Bibles, and Catechiſms in *Iriſh*, that are here already.

15 The General Aſſembly hereby Impowers their Commiſſion, to give all due Aſſiſtance to the ſeveral Univerſities and Colleges, when any Miniſter is called to any Office therein, and to receive Appeals and References, and finally to determine in the ſame.

XVI.

Act and Reference, concerning the Larger Overtures, and the Overtures in the 13, 14, *and* 16 *Acts of the General Assembly* 1707.

Edinburgh, 11th of *May* 1710. Sess. 14. & Ult.

THE General Assembly, Appoints their Commission to go through the Larger printed Overtures, concerning the Method of Procedure in Church Judicatories, and the Remarks of Presbyteries thereupon, already brought in, and to consider what Amendements are fit to be made thereupon; And the several Presbyteries who have not yet sent in their Remarks upon these Overtures, are desired to send the same in to the Clerk of the Commission, betwixt and their Meeting in *August* next at furdest, and the Brethren present, were appointed to put their Presbyteries in mind of this: And the Commission is ordered to have their Report ready, against the next General Assembly, and to present these Overtures with their Amendments to them.

XVII.

Act appointing the Dyet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh 11 *May* 1710. Sess. 14 & Ult.

THE General Assembly of this Church is appointed to be holden at *Edinburgh*, the Tenth Day of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven Years.

This General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, Singing of the 133 *Psalm throughout, and pronounceing of the Blessing.*

Collected and Extracted from the Registers of the General Assembly, by

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The Viſitors of Books ordered to hear the Moderator or ſome other Members of the Judicatory, whoſe Books they are reviſing, as to their Obſerves, before they bring in the ſame to the Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

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